

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

All: Alleluia!

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship (Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11)

Turner

Protect me, God,

because I take refuge in you.

² I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord.

Apart from you, I have nothing good.”

⁵ You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;

you control my destiny.

⁶ The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;

yes, I have a lovely home.

⁷ **I will bless the Lord who advises me;**

even at night I am instructed

in the depths of my mind.

⁸ I always put the Lord in front of me;

I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

⁹ That’s why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;

yes, my whole body will rest in safety

¹⁰ **because you won’t abandon my life to the grave;**

you won’t let your faithful follower see the pit.

¹¹ You teach me the way of life.

In your presence is total celebration.

Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

The children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers as this time.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

Rebecca

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Turner

God who is with us in our suffering and who offers new resurrection life, You have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above You, turn away from Your ways and towards the ways of death. Forgive us for our sins and guide us back into Your presence, that we may know the fullness of Your joy. Amen.

My friends, God is our refuge, a very present help in times of trouble, and God will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy, that we may share with one another.

Peace of Christ

At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

† *Opening Hymn*

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH 304

† *Hymn*

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Prayer for Illumination

Rebecca Turner

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of Your Word and upon us that we may hear and listen to what You have to say to us today. May Your Word also show us a path of life and lead us into Your presence to experience Your Easter joy. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Rebecca Turner

One: this is the Word of God for us the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God!**

The Offering and Hymn

“Joy Comes with the Dawn”

TFWS 2210



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

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Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

“But God”

Rev. Adam Benson

Prayers of the People

At this time, folks are invited to lift up their joys and concerns that we can bring before God in prayer.

† *Closing Hymn*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384

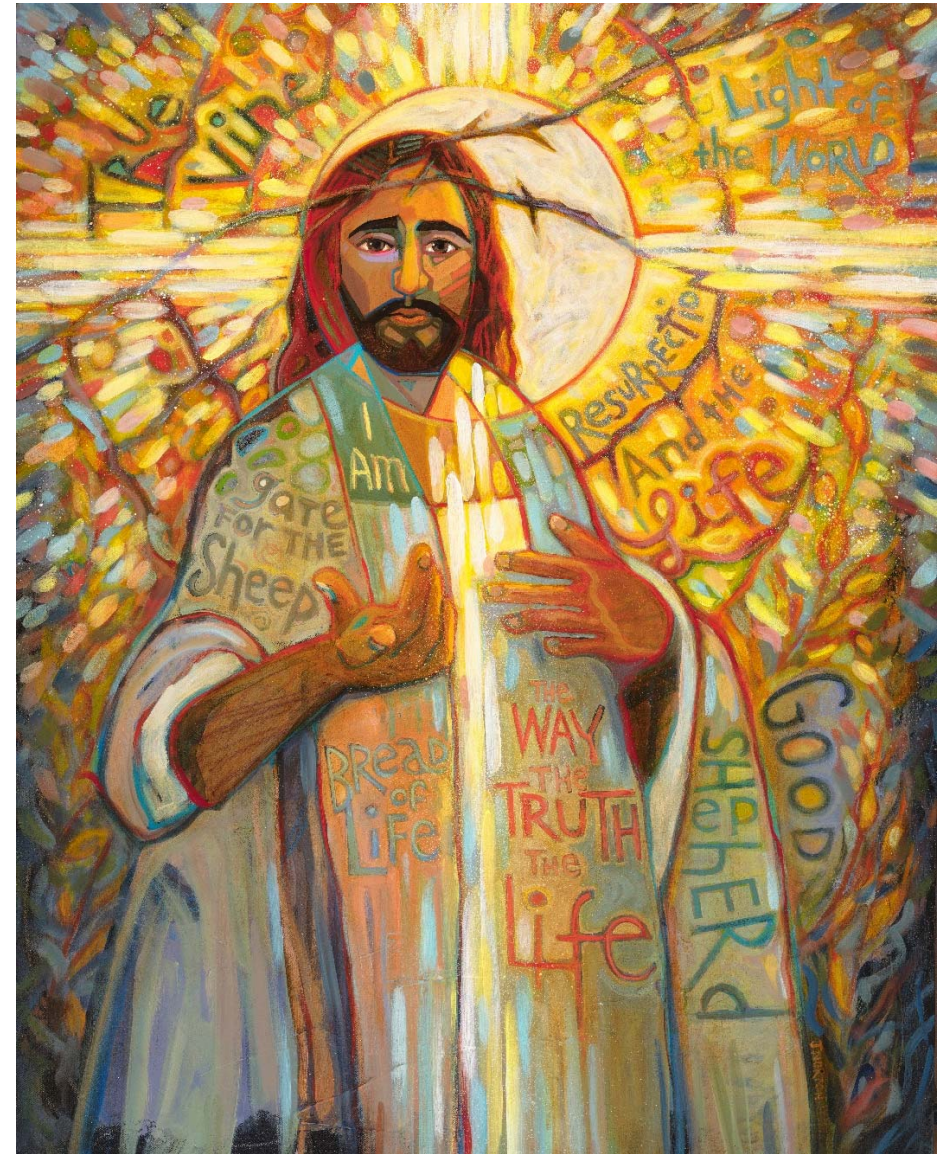
† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity Bell*

† *Postlude*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

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